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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that Lisa M. Harding, DOB: 9/8/85, of Columbus, Wisconsin, was sentenced today by U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz to 55 months in prison without parole for her role in the May 12, 2006 bank robbery at Anchor Bank, 100 West Racine Street, Janesville, Wisconsin. She was also ordered to pay restitution of \$2,069 to Anchor Bank and \$2,472 to First National Bank.

Harding pleaded guilty to this charge on August 30, 2006, and stipulated that she also participated in the May 16, 2006 bank robbery at First National Bank, 1531 Madison Road, Beloit, Wisconsin. She was charged with committing both of these bank robberies along with her co-defendant, Walter Burnley. Burnley was charged in the indictment with three additional bank robberies occurring on April 4, April 24, and May 9, 2006. These charges allege that Burnley committed bank robberies at various Associated Bank branches in Beloit on those dates. Burnley has pleaded not guilty and is scheduled for a jury trial beginning on November 20, 2006, before U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz.

Peterson stated that today's sentencing was the result of an investigation conducted by the Beloit Police Department, the Janesville Police Department, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant

U.S. Attorney John W. Vaudreuil.

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